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Akin Brings Former U.N. Chief Nuclear Weapons Inspector to St. Louis for Informational Meeting

Area first responders to hear testimony by Dr. Kay on the urgent threat of Saddam's WMD programs

On Thursday, October 24th, Congressman Todd Akin will be hosting an informational forum at Maryville University Auditorium for area fire, police and medical first responders. Former chief weapons inspector Dr. David Kay will discuss the urgent threat of the Saddam Hussein's Weapons of Mass Destruction programs and implications for homeland security.

The Forum will be from 3 to 4 p.m. with a press conference starting at 2:30.

Congressman Akin heard Dr. Kay's testimony before the House Armed Services Committee on September 10, 2002. "Dr. Kay's testimony was very informative regarding the threat that Saddam poses to the world and our communities," said Akin. "His knowledge of Saddam's commitment to developing a nuclear weapon and the history of inspections in Iraq were instructive when it came to charting our future course of action."

As the UN's Chief Nuclear Weapons Inspector, Dr. David A. Kay led numerous inspections into Iraq following the end of the Gulf War. He led teams that found and identified the scope and extent of Iraqi uranium enrichment activities, located the major Iraqi center for assembly of nuclear weapons, and seized large amounts of documents on the Iraqi nuclear weapons program. Dr. Kay also led the analysis of the nature of the Iraqi nuclear program and its implications for non-proliferation and arms control activities.

His articles have appeared in prominent publications including The New York Times, The Washington Post and The Christian Science Monitor. He also has appeared on Nightline, McNeal-Leher, Today, Good Morning America, CNN and the evening news programs of PBS, ABC, CBS and NBC.

WHEN:

October 24, 2:30 press conference with Congressman Akin and Dr. David Kay prior to 3:00 forum

WHERE:

Maryville University Auditorium 13550 Conway Road

WHAT:

Former UN Chief Nuclear Weapons Inspector, Dr. David Kay speaks to area police, fire and health first responders about his experiences in Iraq and the urgent threat of Saddam's WMD programs.